

Introduced by Senator Blakeslee

December 6, 2010

An act relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 18, as introduced, Blakeslee. Political Reform Act of 1974: gifts.

The Political Reform Act of 1974 regulates the receipt of gifts by public officials, including Members of the Legislature, and also regulates the activities of members of the lobbying industry, including lobbyist employers.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would further limit the ability of special interest groups, including lobbyist employers, to give gifts to Members of the Legislature.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the
- 2 public has expressed its disapproval of the practice whereby special
- 3 interest groups provide gifts, including tickets to sporting events,
- 4 rounds of golf, spa treatments, and other recreational activities,
- 5 for the purpose of gaining access to, and influence with, Members
- 6 of the Legislature.
- 7 (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 8 legislation that will limit the ability of special interest groups,

- 1 including lobbyist employers, to give gifts to Members of the
- 2 Legislature.

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